



General/Special Municipal Election

On March 7, 2017 a General/Special Municipal Election will be held to elect individuals to serve as Members of the Norwalk City Council. There will be one seat to fill an unexpired term of two years ending in March 2019, and two four-year seats open ending in March 2021.



Nomination Process

To be a candidate for City Council, a person must be registered to vote in the City of Norwalk at the time nomination papers are issued. The filing period to be a candidate for this election will be from Monday, November 14, 2016 through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2016, unless an incumbent does not file for one of the four-year terms. If this situation occurs, the nomination period will be extended, except for the incumbent, through 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 14. Candidates must make an appointment with the City Clerk to receive nomination papers and file them.

For more candidate information, a copy of the "Getting Started - Candidate Information" pamphlet may be obtained in the Norwalk City Clerk's Department, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Room 10 or on the City's website at norwalk.org.

For election information, contact Theresa Devoy, City Clerk at (562) 929-5720 and watch for "Election News" in future editions of the Norwalk Now.

November 8, 2016 General Election

Make your voice heard. The LA County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk offers three convenient ways to cast your vote:

- Drop off your Vote by Mail Ballot at City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard by November 7.
 - Mail your Vote by Mail Ballot postmarked no later than November 8.
 - Vote in person at the polls on November 8.
- Locate your polling place and learn more at <http://lavote.net/home/voting-elections>.



Norwalk Honors Military Veterans



The Norwalk City Council, American Legion Post 359 and the All City Youth Band honor all who serve on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11. The public is invited to attend the free event, which opens at 11:00 a.m. on the Patriot's Concourse of the Civic Center Lawn. The City is honored to welcome the 32nd Sheriff of Los Angeles County, Jim McDonnell, as this year's keynote speaker. Sheriff McDonnell

was sworn into office on December 1, 2014. A Boston native, McDonnell began his law enforcement career in 1981 after graduating at 22 years of age from the Los Angeles Police Academy. After serving the LAPD for 29 years, holding every rank from Police Officer to second in command, McDonnell took a position as Chief of the Long Beach Police Department, where he served five years. Sheriff McDonnell is a strong supporter of veterans' programs and has been involved with the country's largest veteran's non-profit assistance organization, US Vets, for several years.

The Civic Center Lawn is located at 12700 Norwalk Boulevard. For more information, visit Norwalk.org or call (562) 929-5735.



CITY OF NORWALK • RECREATION & PARK SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL 2016

MONSTER BASH 10.31.16
6:00-9:00 P.M.

CITY HALL LAWN • 12700 NORWALK BLVD.

COSTUME CONTEST
GAMES
FOOD BOOTHS
CANDY
CRAFTS & MUSIC

7:00 P.M. COSTUME CONTEST
PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MIN. EARLY

NEW! SCARECROW CONTEST!
FOR DETAILS PLEASE VISIT US AT: WWW.NORWALK.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (562) 929-5702.



Norwalk City Hall Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Alternating Fridays 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sundays Closed

Norwalk City Council

Mayor
Mike Mendez



Vice Mayor
Cheri Kelley

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Transmission Main Improvement Project (Project 7435)

The 2014 Water Master Plan (WMP) recommended construction of a new transmission water main to connect the central service area with both the west service area and south service area of the City's Municipal Water System. On August 2, 2016, the Norwalk City Council authorized Mike Bubalo Construction to install the new transmission water main pipeline at the following locations:

South Foster Road alley from the Foster/San Antonio Pressure Reducing Station (PRS) connection to Clarkdale Avenue.

Clarkdale Avenue from south Foster Road alley to Rosecrans Avenue.

Clarkdale Avenue from Rosecrans Avenue to Lindale Street.

Lindale Street from Clarkdale Avenue to Jersey Avenue.

Jersey Avenue/Maidstone Avenue from Rosecrans Avenue to Alondra Boulevard.

Rosecrans Avenue from the Alburto/Rosecrans PRS to Jersey Avenue.

Taddy Street from Gard Avenue to Sylvanwood Avenue.

Gard Avenue from Van Ruiten Street to Taddy Street.

Van Ruiten Street from Fallon Avenue to Gard Avenue

Fallon Avenue from Rosecrans Avenue to Van Ruiten Street



Construction is scheduled from early October through April 2017. Work will be done during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Residences and businesses effected by construction will be notified. Per discussion with the Norwalk La Mirada School District, the contractor will be working in the vicinity of schools during non-school days, including holidays and Saturdays and during nighttime hours from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., in order to minimize the impact on the students and school bus operations.

Students Gain an Educational Edge

Technology in the hands of students is no longer a vision, it is now reality. The Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District has begun implementing their 20/20 initiative, part of a program that gives students access to learning tools, including iPads and laptop computers.



The students also must participate in a training to show them ways in which the computers can help them become skilled critical thinkers and personalize their learning experience. In addition, they are given a lesson on cyberbullying and staying safe online.

The goal is to give students the skills and abilities to be competitive, and, by 2020, allow access to all students and teachers district wide.



Fourth, sixth and ninth graders will be utilizing iPads and laptops for educational purposes. For example, every freshman district wide has a laptop assigned to them, pre-loaded with special applications for drawing, slide presentations, making videos and viewing digital books. These devices make doing homework easier, as they can also chat with their class and collaborate on assignments.

Funding for these devices comes from Measure G funding, which is used to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment, along with improving the quality of education for every student.



There ought to be a law...

58th District Assemblymember Cristina Garcia wants to hear your ideas! Help make the state of California a better place by submitting your idea in the Assemblymember's Community Bill Idea Contest. Winners will travel to Sacramento to advocate in front of the California State Assembly's Legislators. It's easy to enter.

VISIT:

asmcd.org/members/a58/district/there-ought-to-be-a-law

CALL:

(562) 861-5803

MAIL:

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia
8255 Firestone Boulevard, Suite 203
Downey, California 90241

The 58th Assembly District includes: Artesia, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, Montebello, Pico Rivera and Norwalk.

Elks to Hold National Free Throw Contest for Youth

Boys and girls ages 8 to 13 years old, get those free throws ready for the Norwalk Elks Lodge 2142 "Hoop Shoot." Baskets will be set up at the Lodge, located at 13418 Clarkdale Avenue, on Saturday, November 12. Sign-ups begin at 11:00 a.m. The contest was developed by the Elks to help build character and drug awareness in local youth. Participation is free, with lunch provided to all contestants. Participants must provide proof of age (birth certificate or passport). Elks have been helping our communities for over 100 years. For more info, call or text Don at (562) 584-2907.

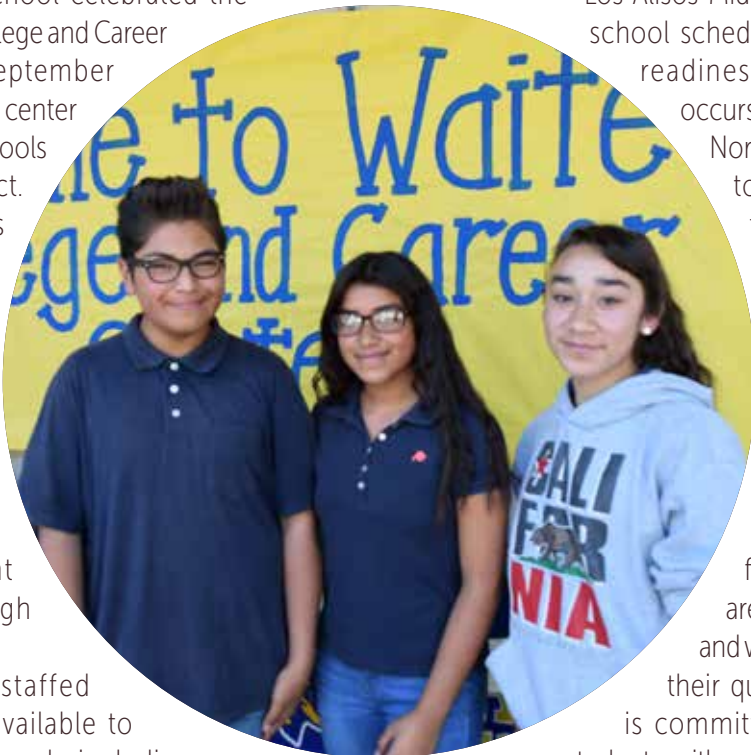


Setting the Stage for College Success

It's never too early to start planning for the future. Norwalk-La Mirada Unified is reaching out to middle schools with a new initiative, getting students excited for college and creating a plan to achieve success.

Waite Middle School celebrated the ribbon cutting of its College and Career Center on Friday, September 30. This is the fourth center to open at middle schools throughout the district. The center provides students with access to resources that will help them reach their full potential: workshops, job readiness and skills counseling, and assistance with creation of an eight year timeline through graduation.

The center is staffed by counselors and available to students during the week, including break time and lunch time.



Los Alisos Middle School is the next school scheduled to open its own readiness center. Once this occurs, all middle schools in Norwalk will be equipped to show their students the opportunities that lay ahead of them.

NLMUSD Board President Karen Morrison tells us, "Norwalk-La Mirada Unified middle school students will receive early guidance from counselors who are attuned to their needs and well-prepared to answer their questions. Our District is committed to providing our students with every tool and resource they will need to succeed."

Thanksgiving Food Basket Program

The Thanksgiving holiday season is quickly approaching, a time of caring and sharing with those who are less fortunate. The Norwalk Social Services Department is preparing for the annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Program, which depends greatly on sponsor contributions in order to meet the needs of our community. Please join us in our efforts to assist Norwalk families. Call (562) 929-5544 or visit the City's webpage at www.norwalk.org and click "Social Services Department" to download the 2016 Thanksgiving program form.



2016 Annual SnowFest & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 3 • 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.

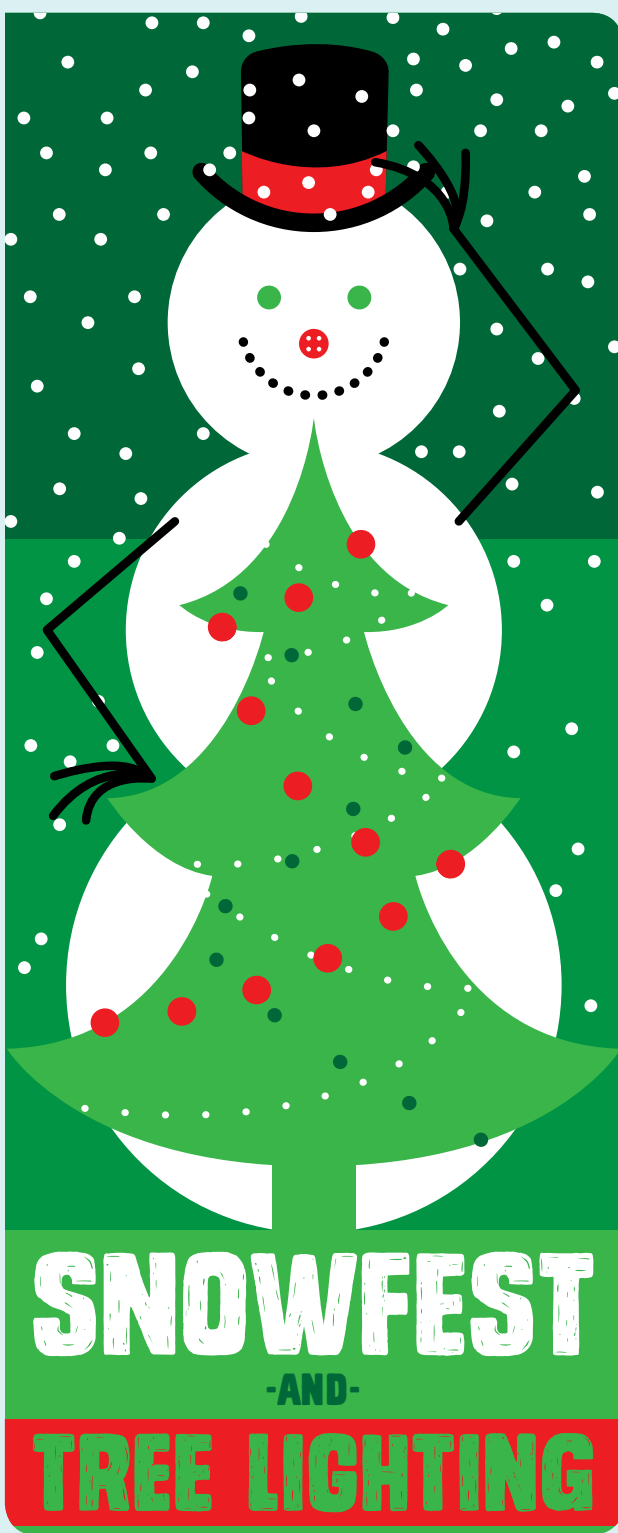
**Norwalk City Hall Lawn,
12700 Norwalk Boulevard**

Cost: FREE

It's snowing in Norwalk! Residents won't have to drive far to find a winter wonderland... We're bringing the fun to City Hall! Two giant snow slides, games, crafts, face painting, live entertainment and yummy food highlight the afternoon. Then, the evening becomes magical with the lighting of our enormous new Norwalk Christmas tree and the arrival of Santa Claus. Join the Norwalk City Council as they ring in the holiday season. For more information, please call (562) 929-5702.

Event Schedule

- 12:00-5:00 p.m.** Snowslides, game booths, face painting, snow play area, arts & crafts, stage entertainment, food booths and craft fair.
- 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Stage entertainment
- 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Tree Lighting Ceremony



Angel Tree Project "A Gift of Clothing"

Making a Difference



Be an Angel and help bring a smile to a child's face this holiday season. Simply pick up a tag at one of the locations below, purchase a "Gift of Clothing," return your gift by the deadline and help brighten the holidays for a child in the Norwalk community. You can also make a monetary donation to help keep this vital program operating. Your donation will help a child enjoy a special Christmas celebration. The Angel Tree program assists families who are facing financial hardship during this special time of year. In 2015, more than 1,500 Norwalk elementary school children benefited from the Angel Tree Project. For more information, call the Norwalk Social Services Center at (562) 929-5544.

Tag Locations:

- Norwalk City Hall
- Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex
- Norwalk Senior Center
- Norwalk Social Services Center

New Dial-A-Ride Taxi Card



On June 1, 2016, NTS implemented the new TaxiCard for its Dial-A-Ride (DAR) patrons who use the taxi cab voucher service. Dial-A-Ride service, including vans and taxi cabs, is available to Norwalk residents 60 years of age and above, or physically challenged, regardless of age. The new TaxiCard replaces the paper voucher sold to residents for the DAR Taxi service and allows clients to take a maximum of 50 trips each month at a nominal cost of \$1 per one-way trip (for actual taxi meter trip cost of up to \$16 per one-way trip).

The NTS is pleased to provide this efficient and easy way for DAR patrons to use the taxi service on evening weekday trips within the City of Norwalk and weekday visits to authorized medical locations outside of Norwalk. Please call our Customer Service Department to register for your TaxiCard and the Dial-A-Ride program at (562) 929-5550.

Holiday Canned Food Drive

Norwalk Transit System (NTS) is sponsoring a canned food drive to help feed local families this holiday season. On Tuesday and Wednesday, November 15 and 16, passengers will be invited to donate canned food items in exchange for free bus rides (transfers are additional). There is no limit to the amount of rides a patron can claim, as long as each ride is accompanied with a food donation. In past years, the NTS has collected up to 400 cans of food, which have been donated to Norwalk's Social Services Center for distribution to families in need in the area.



See & Do

Norwalk Residents Recycle & Shred!



On Saturday, October 8, Norwalk residents came out for the City's popular E-Waste Collection and Shred-A-Thon event. At least 600 vehicles came through our City Hall parking lot and dropped off over 15,600 pounds of e-waste and shredded 16,000 pounds of paper. Altogether, almost 16 tons of material, as well as the potentially toxic chemicals embedded in the electronics, were diverted from landfills. The same day, 189 barrels were distributed at our first ever rain barrel distribution event at the Norwalk Library parking lot. Rain water collected in the barrels can be used to irrigate plants and lawns, decreasing the amount of potable water used.

The success of our events continue to demonstrate that Norwalk residents care about conserving and keeping our city green and our landfills clean!

For info on e-waste and household hazardous waste (HHW) disposal and recycling, visit www.norwalk.org/i-want-to/environmental-programs-water-conservation

For info on available water conservation rebates, visit www.norwalk.org/i-want-to-/learn-about-/water-conservation/water-conservation-rebates

***If you purchased rain barrels, please make sure to turn in your rebate application and supporting documentation by December 31, 2016. Please call (562) 929-5964 if you have any questions.**

2016 Important Dates for Residents

Observed Holidays

Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving

City Hall Closed

Friday, November 11
Thursday, November 25
Friday, November 25

Sweeping

No
No
No

Trash

Yes
No
Yes



Street Sweeping:

When street sweeping does not occur due to a holiday, it will NOT be made up. Streets can only be swept on the posted day.

Trash Collection:

When trash collection does not occur due to a holiday, it WILL be made up. Trash will be collected the day after the normal collection day for the remainder of the week.

For example, Thursday's trash will be collected on Friday. Friday's trash will be collected on Saturday.

Trash Collection Questions?

CR&R Waste Services (562) 944-4716
Republic Services (800) 299-4898

Street Sweeping Questions?

Public Services Department (562) 929-5511

Parking Enforcement Questions?

Public Safety Department (562) 929-5732

Senior Center Events

All events, unless specified, take place at the Norwalk Senior Center located at 14040 San Antonio Drive, and are open to seniors 50 years of age or older. Contact the Center at (562) 929-5580 for more info.

"Grief"

Tuesday, November 1 • 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Seniors may face various losses during their retirement years. The grieving process is an essential part of dealing with these losses. Forest Lawn staff will help seniors understand the important part grieving plays in recovery in a special presentation focusing on building positive coping skills.

"Debt Consolidation"

Thursday, November 3 • 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Living on a fixed income can be a challenge, and debt can too easily get out of control. The Heartland Institute of Financial Education will conduct a seminar to help seniors manage debt and find ways to consolidate their debt.

"The Facts About Life Insurance."

Tuesday, November 8 • 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Understanding life insurance can be confusing. Bankers Life staff will educate seniors on the differences between the various types of policies and the options each offers so they can make the best decision based on their specific needs.

FREE Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesday, November 15 • 9:30 a.m.

Pioneer Medical group provides this monthly blood pressure screening to seniors free of charge. Blood pressure is taken by licensed/certified medical staff, with results discussed with participants afterward.

CalFresh Outreach Assistance

Wednesday, November 2 • 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Under new eligibility criteria, those ages 65 and older can now qualify to receive CalFresh services, which help to put healthy food on the table each month. Learn about benefits and how to qualify.

Sponsored by: Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.

Neighborhood Watch "Identity Theft"

Wednesday, November 9 • 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Although technology gives quicker access to information and entertainment, it also makes identity theft easier for criminals. Staff from the Norwalk Public Safety Department will educate seniors on what they can do to make sure their identity remains safe and secured.

Traveling Game Show

Wednesday, November 9 • 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

HealthCare Partners will be sponsoring the "Traveling Game Show," a 45 minute program designed for seniors that is similar to Wheel of Fortune™, Family Feud™, Card Sharks™, Jeopardy™ and more! The content is always new and fresh with a new theme reflecting the holidays. Come for this fun experience at the Norwalk Senior Center.

"Medicare 101"

Thursday, November 17 • 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

For seniors who missed the chance to attend this seminar in October, the presentation returns to provide info about important options available to them in the Medicare program. As the open enrollment deadlines gets closer, this seminar can help seniors still looking to make changes in their Medicare coverage.

Bereavement Support Group

Meets every Friday • 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

(Will not meet on Friday, November 25)

The Bereavement Support Group offers support to participants who have gone through loss of a spouse, family member or friend and want to share their experience in a safe and supportive environment. The group is led by a trained mental health professional from Telecare Corporation in Norwalk.

Norwalk City Television

Program Schedule for November 2016

Charter Spectrum TV Channel 3,

Frontier FIOS TV channel 32

Mondays

12:00 p.m. City Council Meeting Re-Broadcast
3:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Re-Broadcast)
5:00 p.m. Now You Know
6:00 p.m. The City at Your Service: Public Safety
7:00 p.m. Halloween Parade & Band Awards 2016

Tuesdays

12:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Re-Broadcast)
3:00 p.m. The City at Your Service: Community Development
4:00 p.m. Artastic 2016
5:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Live 1st and 3rd Tuesdays)

Wednesdays

12:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Re-Broadcast)
3:00 p.m. The City at Your Service: Public Services Center
4:00 p.m. Halloween Parade & Band Awards 2016
7:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
7:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Live 2nd and 4th Wednesdays)

Thursdays

12:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting (Re-Broadcast)
3:00 p.m. City Council Meeting (Re-Broadcast)
5:00 p.m. The Best of Now You Know
6:00 p.m. The City at Your Service: Recreation & Parks
7:00 p.m. Halloween Parade and Band Awards 2016

Saturdays

11:00 a.m. Curiosity Quest
12:00 p.m. Curiosity Quest

Sundays

11:00 a.m. City Council Meeting (Re-Broadcast)
2:00 p.m. Halloween Parade and Band Awards 2016

Used Oil Filter Exchange*

Saturday, November 12 • 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

O'Reilly Auto Parts

12233 Norwalk Boulevard

For more info call (562) 944-4766



Used oil that is poured or drained onto driveways, sidewalks, and streets, can work its way into our ground and surface waters and cause serious pollution. Recycling used motor oil and oil filters is free and easy at any of the several certified

collection centers located in Norwalk. For more info, please visit www.norwalk.org/i-want-to/environmental-programs-water-conservation

Bring in a used oil filter and receive a new replacement filter for free! Residents are also invited to bring in used motor oil in a clean, uncontaminated container for recycling. Participating residents may be eligible for free recycling items.

**This event is brought to you by a CalRecycle grant.*

Book Bonanza



Help keep quality library programming available to kids and adults. On Saturday, November 12, the Friends of the Norwalk Libraries invite the public to snag a bag and hook some books. For \$5, patrons can stuff as many items from the sale into a supplied bag (without ripping the bag). There is no limit to the number of bags that may be purchased. The sale takes place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., but a special pre-sale hour is scheduled from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. for Friends of the Norwalk Libraries members. Join the Friends before or at the sale. Seniors, teachers or student can purchase memberships for \$5 per year. Individual memberships go for \$10, and family memberships are a mere \$15. Contact the Norwalk Library at (562) 868-0775 for more info. The library is located at 12350 Imperial Highway.

OCTOBER 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

